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Capital Planning Minutes 10-30-2000

OCTOBER 30, 2000

- * Charles T. Foskett, Chairman
- * John F. Britt
- * Nancy T. Galkowski
- Anthony T. Lionetta
- John Bilafer
- * John FitzMaurice
- A. L. Minervini
- * Barbara Thornton
- Steve Andrews

*Denotes present.

Approval of Meeting Notes: Add the following comment to the minutes of October 17, 2000.

“Potential School Cost Overruns: J. FitzMaurice indicated that although the school building overruns do not come to the Capital Planning Committee, that they do impact the Capital Budget. Consequently it is requested that the Finance Committee involve the CPC in the review and discussion of any additional requests that may fall under the debt limit. C. Foskett indicated that he would discuss this with the Finance Committee.”

The minutes of October 17, 2000 were approved as amended.

Meeting with New Town Manager: The meeting with the new Town Manager, Phil Farrington has been scheduled for November 7, 2000. B. Thornton and J. Britt will not be able to attend.

Proposed budget 2002: C. Foskett indicated that a quick review of the plan shows an aggregate increase of approximately \$700,000 more than anticipated last year. The largest increases are:

- \$115,000 for a roof at Community Safety
- \$100,000 for Cemetery Expansion
- \$100,000 for Waldo Field
- \$60,000 for Menotomy Rocks Park
- \$25,000 for a new vehicle- Town Manager

Public Works Subcommittee: N. Galkowski went through the public works subcommittee report, a copy of which is attached. Another meeting is planned to complete the review.

Police and Fire Subcommittee: B. Thornton reviewed the subcommittee meeting with the Police and Fire Chiefs. She indicated that she would summarize the meetings and make recommendations in writing to the full committee. Comments received regarding improvements to the planning process were:

- a. No clear effort to roll forward past 5 year plan
- b. Lack of big picture overview of CPC process
1. Zero sum process
2. Percent of pie
3. Criteria used to review programs
- c. Interdepartmental master plan
1. Informational technology
2. Facilities
- d. Fire department: B.Thornton was concerned with the Chief's assumption about the Park Circle Fire Station construction being fully supported by the CPC. B.Thornton felt that the decision about the number of Fire Stations was still open to discussion.

There were no other subcommittee reports at this time.

Next Meeting: Next meeting of the whole Committee is scheduled for 11/7/00. Subcommittees should continue with their meetings with department heads.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.